

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD HELD ON 2006-01-25

A Regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board was held in the boardroom of the Administration Centre, 235 Montée Lesage, Rosemere, QC on Wednesday, 2006-01-25 at 19:30 hours, at which were present:

Steve Bletas, Chairman; Carolyn Curiale, Vice-Chair; Natalie Auclair, Georges Benoit, Tony De Lauri, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, David McKinley, Nick Milas, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, and Morten Schrier, Commissioners; Linda Iaconetti and Tom Mouhteros, Parent Commissioners; and Giordano Rosa-del-Vecchio, Director General.

Also present were: Robert Vallerand, Deputy Director General; François Badin, Director of Human Resources; Line Desgroseilliers, Director of Information Technology; Daniel Hogue, Director of Material Resources; Effie Maniatis, Director of Educational Services; Livia Nassivera, Director of Financial Resources; George Paquette, Director of School Organization & Transportation; Nicolas Singcaster, Data Technician; and Jocelyne Thompson-Ness, Administrative Assistant. Several other persons were also in the audience.

Absent: Peter MacLaurin, Grace Nesi and Edward Turchyniak, Commissioners.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 19:34 hours.

1.0 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:

060125-CA-0106

Nazario Facchino MOVED THAT the agenda be accepted as presented in document #SWLSB-2006/01/25-CA-001.

Carried unanimously

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

In a verbal notice, Walter Fogel, advised that in the minutes of the meeting held on 2005-12-14, the following required correction:

- Page 1398, item 4.1, 2nd paragraph, 3rd line the words "*list of*" are to be added in between the words "*the English*".
- Page 1399, item 5.1, 1st paragraph, 2nd line, the words "*and order*" are to be added after the word "*conditions*". Also, item 5.3, 1st paragraph, 2nd sentence the word "*for*" is to be deleted.
- Page 1402, item 5.5.2, after paragraph 5 and before paragraph 6 the following is to be added:
 - Resolution 051214-TS-0089 prior to the amendment.
 - "*The Council entered into discussion.*"
- Page 1405, item 6.6, 1st paragraph, 2nd line, the word "*on*" is to be replaced with the word "*to*".
- Page 1408, item 6.8, after paragraph 4 and before paragraph 5 the following is to be added:
 - Resolution 051214-CA-0094 prior to the amendment.
 - "*The Council entered into discussion.*"
- Page 1413, item 12.3, 1st line the words "*Executive Committee*" are to be replaced with the word "*Council*".

In a verbal notice, Steve Kmec advised that on page 1412 of the above mentioned minutes, item 8.3, 1st paragraph, 2nd line, the word “*Sha*” is to be replaced with the word “*She*”.

In a verbal notice, Carolyn Curiale advised that on page 1402, item 5.5.2, paragraph 3, last line, the word “*eveing*” is to be replaced with the word “*evening*”.

The following secretarial error was also detected on page 1399, item 5.3, 1st paragraph, 3rd line, the name “*Noël*” is to be replaced with the name “*Noë!*”.

060125-CA-0107

Nick Milas MOVED THAT the minutes of the REGULAR meeting of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on 2005-12-14, having been received by all members prior to this meeting, be approved as corrected.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Tony De Lauri, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Steve Kmec, David McKinley, Nick Milas, Merle Parkinson, Albina Pace, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier

ABST: Walter Fogel

3.0 QUESTION PERIOD

In response to a request from Laura Battisti, parent from Genesis Elementary School, the Chairman noted that the requested retraction cannot be made as the minutes of the Council meeting held on 2005-12-14 do not contain any reference to the Genesis Elementary School community approving the recommendations made by the school board to split certain areas of the school attendance zone.

He went on to note that a proposal was given to the school concerning what educational services would be provided and where the new school would be located but no guarantees for anything else was given.

George Benoit entered the meeting.

TIME: 19:40 hours

In response to an additional statement from Mrs. Battisti concerning her request for a retraction, the Director General advised that the Governing Board of Genesis Elementary School had informed the school board that it would support two school zones and the school board worked with that input when preparing its final proposal.

The Chairman advised Mrs. Battisti that the minutes of the meeting held on 2005-12-14 would be modified to indicate that certain conditions did not allow the school board to retain all of the recommendations made through the consultation.

In response to a question from Mrs. Battisti, the Chairman advised that any student can attend Genesis Elementary School until grade 6 as long as the enrollment criteria is respected.

He also noted that if there are student spaces in the school after the normal registration process is completed out of zone students will be considered.

In response to a question from Mrs. Battisti, the Director of Educational Services advised that for the most part an educational program does not have specific finishing date so that if a couple of days are missed it is not significant. The Quebec Education Plan looks at competencies over a two year period so no child is affected by the loss of the recent strike days.

In response to a final question from Mrs. Battisti, the Director General noted that Principals and teachers are always working to achieve success and that the question of accountability is threefold in that it involves the schools, the school board and the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS).

4.0 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

4.1 *Recognition of Service:*

The Chairman welcomed Norma Keller to the meeting and presented her with a certificate of appreciation, on behalf of the school board, for her more than 30 years of volunteer service with the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board and its predecessor boards.

4.2 *Report of the Chairman:*

The Chairman presented a letter to the Council from the parents of a student at Terry Fox Elementary School expressing their satisfaction with the teaching staff of the school with specific reference to Mrs. Caruso and Mrs. Rossi.

He went on to note the Laval Liberty High School Sports Awards evening, the upcoming Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) Technology Conference, and the AVEC meeting with Laval schools on 2006-01-31.

He extended congratulations to Bianca Lallitto, a secondary 2 student from Mother Teresa Junior High School, who won a gold medal in the "Visa Olympics of the Imagination" and will go to the Olympics in Turino, Italy, where her poster will be one of the Canadian entries into an international competition.

The Chairman advised the Council, with regret, that last week he had received letters from both the Director General and the Deputy Director General advising him of their intention to retire as of 2006-06-28.

He went on to acknowledge both of them for all of the exemplary work they have done with/for the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board and wished them the best of luck. These two gentlemen will be missed.

He continued noting that the position of Director General will be posted on the school board's Web site tomorrow and will appear in The Gazette and La Presse next week. The interviews will be held on Saturday, 2006-02-18 and the Selection Committee will be composed of the Chairmen and Vice Chairs of the Council of Commissioners and the Executive Committee, the Executive Committee members and the Chairs of the Standing Committees.

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WHEREAS the Director General and the Deputy Director General have advised the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board of their intention to retire, effective 2006-06-28;

Carolyn Curiale MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the posting of the position of Director General as of 2006-01-26.

Carried unanimously

The Chairman advised that the position of Deputy Director General will be posted once the position of Director General has been filled.

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING

5.1 Update on Tel-jeunes:

The Deputy Director General advised the Council that Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, David McKinley, the Information Officer and himself had met with the Director General of Tel-jeunes. The Director General of Tel-jeunes advised the school board that there is a willingness on the part of its sponsors to support an English Web site and the incorporation of the English services was discussed, as well as what funding may be available through Government agencies. It was suggested that the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS), Health and Social Services and Heritage Canada be approached for funding.

5.2 Update on Sale of Land - Ste-Agathe Academy:

The Deputy Director General advised that the land in question, next to Ste-Agathe Academy, has been referred to the Material Resources Committee with a request for a professional evaluation and that the dossier has been tabled until a report is received.

5.3 Update on Hillcrest Academy Daycare:

The Director General advised that a meeting with the Chair of the Hillcrest Governing Board, the private daycare Director, the Deputy Minister, Noël Burke, and himself took place last week and that it was a very positive meeting. A proposal which would see the daycare pay 14 000\$ per year for the next five years and then 10% of the revenues thereafter was made. The sum of 14 000\$ over five years would payout the existing invoices with the school board. The representatives of Hillcrest Academy feel that this is a good step towards a new working relationship with the school board.

He went on to note that, in his opinion, the proposal to resolve the outstanding invoices with the Hillcrest Academy private daycare is a fair one and that it will give closure to this dossier.

5.4 Update on Consultation on the Use of Genesis E.S. for 2006-2007:

The Director General noted that many of the issues concerning the consultation on the use of Genesis Elementary School were addressed under item 3.0, question period.

He went on to advise that the Commission scolaire de Laval has given permission to the school board to hold an evening visit to École Notre-Dame during January in order for the parents to view the building. Registration for the new school will be held at the Administration Centre.

He also noted that once registration is completed for the new school a provisional Governing Board will be put in place to assist with such dossiers as the selection of a Principal.

5.5 Update on Task Force on the Use of Laval High Schools:

The Director General noted that a meeting with the Task Force was held on 2005-12-15 and that an extensive review of the implications of the overcrowding and possible solutions were discussed.

The Director of School Organization noted that at the most recent meeting of the School Organization Committee recommendations from the Task Force were reviewed and discussed with the result being that the committee feels that the original guidelines adopted by the Council of Commissioners that stipulate no cap on enrollment at the Laval high schools be maintained.

He further noted that input was also received from the Laval high school Principals and they expressed concern over the potential overcrowding and asked that the Director General draft a letter to high school parents explaining what problems might occur and how they would be resolved.

Nick Milas left the meeting.

TIME: 20:33 hours

The Council entered into discussion.

Morten Schrier left the meeting.

TIME: 20:34 hours

In response to a question from Walter Fogel, the Director General indicated that those students who apply to go to private school and are refused then return to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board will be assigned to a school based on the need to balance out enrollment.

5.6 Update on SWL Foundation Gala:

The Chairman advised the Council that the inaugural "Gala" of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation was a success and that approximately 70 000\$ was raised.

Nick Milas returned to the meeting.

TIME: 20:43 hours

He went on to note that each school and centre of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board will be receiving a multi media projector courtesy of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation

Nazario Facchino left the meeting.

TIME: 20:44 hours

5.7 Update on Rawdon Elementary & Middle School:

The Director of Material Resources advised that the school re-opened on 2006-01-10 and that the transition back to the school building went smoothly.

The Deputy Director General noted that letters of appreciation were sent to the Mayor of Rawdon and to the local United Church of Canada thanking them for their support during the repairs to the school.

5.8 Meeting with the Mayor of Rosemère:

The Deputy Director General commented on a recent meeting held with the Mayor and Director General of the Ville de Rosemère, as well as himself and the Chairmen of the Council of Commissioners and the Executive Committee, to discuss the decision of the Ville to put the joint project for the Rosemere High School playing field on hold for at least 5 years.

He went on to note that the meeting was cordial and that Mayor feels that she has received a mandate from the citizens of the Ville de Rosemère to make the Ville's aging infrastructure a priority. She also pointed out that the previous administration for the Ville de Rosemère had recently invested in new drainage for the playing fields in question.

Morten Schrier returned to the meeting.

TIME: 20:47 hours

Nazario Facchino returned to the meeting.

TIME: 20:48 hours

On a "point of business arising", Walter Fogel referred to page 1406 of the minutes of the meeting held on 2005-12-14 inquiring about the questionnaire to the schools on financial information.

The Chairman advised that the questionnaire will be discussed later in the evening.

On an additional "point of business arising", Walter Fogel referred to page 1414 of the above mentioned minutes and inquired if the school board has any liability against the various parties involved in the construction of the Rawdon Elementary & Middle School.

The Director of Material Resources indicated that more will be known as to the cost of the damage and the liability for the school when the official damage report is received. The Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) insurance will cover the portion of the damages that exceed 15

000\$ until such a time as the school board is able to receive restitution from the parties held liable. Legal fees can be claimed under another government measure, if applicable.

In response to a request made by Carolyn Curiale, the Chairman noted that he would consider her suggestion concerning the points of "Business Arising" and subject these points to the same requirements as corrections to the minutes, submission in writing in order to have the points addressed and clarified at Council.

6.0 CORPORATE AFFAIRS

6.1 Report of Communications Sub-Committee Chairperson:

Natalie Auclair, Chair of the Communications & Public Relations Sub-Committee, commented on the last meeting noting that the image of Adult & Vocational Education, invitational tenders for graphic norms, the Communications Policy, the results to date for the Laurier Express on-line survey, the annual report and the next Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation "Gala" were discussed.

6.2 Report of Adult & Vocational Education Sub-Committee Chairperson:

There was no report.

6.3 Commissioners Annual Report:

The Chairman presented the Annual report of the Council of Commissioners for the 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 school years.

In response to comments from Walter Fogel, the Chairman indicated that the annual report contents were vetted at a caucus meeting by a majority of Commissioners.

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Carolyn Curiale MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners approve the inclusion of the Annual Report of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Council of Commissioners as a part of the official record.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Natalie Auclair, George Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Tony De Lauri, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Steve Kmec, David McKinley, Nick Milas, Merle Parkinson, Albina Pace, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier

NAY: Walter Fogel

6.4 NSBA T + L2 Conference Report:

The Chairman drew the Council's attention to the report on the NSBA T + L2 Conference noting that if there were any questions on the report to please address them to Edward Turchyniak.

George Benoit left the meeting.

TIME: 21:00 hours

6.5 Policy #2000-HR-01: Working Conditions of Management Staff (SWLAA):

The Director General advised the Council that recent discussions with the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrator's Association (SWLAA) have resulted in proposed changes to chapter 5 of the local agreement. Chapter 5 of this agreement deals with the selection of Administrators at the school and board level.

He went on to recommend that this amendment be accepted and noted that a full revision of the agreement will take place in the near future.

In response to some to a reference from Walter Fogel, the Director General recommended that as only one section of the policy is being amended that any anomalies found within the rest of the policy be forwarded to his office and they will be corrected when the entire policy is reviewed.

George Benoit returned to the meeting. **TIME: 21:03 hours**

The Council entered into discussion.

Walter Fogel MOVED THAT the Council go in camera. **TIME: 21:05 hours**

The meeting resumed. **TIME: 21:17 hours**

060125-CA-0110

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrators' Association has made a request for a revision of policy #2000-HR-01: Regulating the Working Conditions of Management Staff Represented by the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrator's Association;

WHEREAS the Directorate and the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrators' Association have negotiated the revisions;

Albina Pace MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners adopt the amendments in chapter 5 of policy #2000-HR-01: Regulating the Working Conditions of Management Staff Represented by the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrator's Association.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Natalie Auclair, George Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Tony De Lauri, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Steve Kmec, David McKinley, Nick Milas, Merle Parkinson, Albina Pace, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier

ABST: Walter Fogel

6.6 Land - St-Hippolyte:

The Deputy Director General advised the Council that the notary is seeking a clear title on behalf of her clients and that there is no financial gain or expense to this transaction only a correction to the land registry.

060125-CA-0111

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has received a letter from M^e Diane Sperano requesting the school board's cooperation for the purposes of establishing a clear title to part of Lot #25A, Rang 8 in the Township of Kilkenny in the Parish of Saint-Hippolyte;

WHEREAS the property in question was at one time owned by the School Commissioners of Saint-Hippolyte Protestant School Commission, which was merged with the Shawbridge Protestant School Board, which merged with the Laurentian School Board a predecessor board of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

WHEREAS this property has changed ownership many times since it was sold by the school board in 1963;

WHEREAS it has become necessary to make changes to the deed of this property in order to establish a clear title which requires the approval of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

Morten Schrier MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approved the request of M^e Diane Sperano to establish a clear title to part of Lot #25A, Rang 8 in the Township of Kilkenny in the Parish of Saint-Hippolyte.

AND THAT it be understood that the establishment of clear title does not involve any financial commitments.

AND THAT the Chairman, and in his absence or with his knowledge the Vice-Chairman, as well as the Director General, and in his absence or with his knowledge the Deputy Director General, be authorized to sign all documentation concerning this project.

Carried unanimously

6.7 Protocol with SRAM:

The Deputy Director General advised that Service regional d'admission du Montréal métropolitain (SRAM) has been established to act as a clearing house for the admission of students to CEGEP. SRAM will manage the transmission of a student's marks electronically to the CEGEP selected by the student for admission purposes. SRAM has sent out letters to all Principals, Administrators and Guidance Counsellors explaining the process and how to advise the students.

In response to a question from Merle Parkinson, the Deputy Director General noted that all English CEGEPs have entered the protocol with SRAM with the exception of Dawson College.

6.8 Request to MELS for Additional Electoral Divisions:

The Deputy Director General advised the Council that the groundwork is being laid for the next school board elections in November 2007. The school board has been advised that it is entitled to 17 electoral divisions under the law. During the school elections in 2003 the school board had requested a derogation in order to establish 19 electoral divisions instead of 17, given the large territory of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

He continued noting that, in his opinion, maintaining the status quo would be a good option for the school board.

Nancy Rupnik left the meeting.

TIME: 21:23 hours

The Council entered into discussion.

Nancy Rupnik returned to the meeting:

TIME: 21:26 hours

In response to a statement from Steve Kmec, the Chairman noted that the Ministre de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) is planning an evaluation of the function of school board Commissioners but that school board communities are unsure as to the reasons for the evaluation.

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WHEREAS section 6 of "An Act respecting school elections" designated that electoral divisions will vary in accordance with the number of electors;

WHEREAS the number of electors registered to date with the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board stands at approximately 33 500;

WHEREAS this number of electors entitles the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to divide its territory into 17 electoral divisions;

WHEREAS the electoral divisions established in 1998 gave the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board 19 electoral divisions;

WHEREAS section 7 of "An Act respecting school elections" states that the Minister may authorize a school board to increase or decrease its number of electoral divisions;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board satisfies all the justifications required under section 7, namely the particularly large size of the school board territory, the number of municipalities, cities, towns, villages and parishes (151) that are located within the territory of the school board and the isolated location of many of these municipalities, etc. within the territory of the school board;

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) authorized such an increase to 19 electoral divisions for the November 2003 school elections;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board wishes to maintain the current number of electoral divisions at 19;

George Benoit MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board request that the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) authorize the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board an increase of electoral divisions from 17 to 19 for the 2007-11-04 school board elections.

Carried unanimously

6.9 Partnership with Hebdos Transcontinental (Courier Laval):

The Deputy Director General advised that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has been approached by representatives of Hebdos Transcontinental, owners of the Courier Laval, concerning participation in a "Young Achievers" project. This project will highlight student achievement and excellence in academics and other aptitudes. The cost of being involved in this program is a 2 500\$ sponsorship fee.

He went on to note that the only drawback to this partnership is that it can only be offered to students attending schools in the Laval area.

Linda Iaconetti & Tom Mouhteros left the meeting. **TIME: 21:34 hours**

The Council entered into discussion.

Linda Iaconetti returned to the meeting. **TIME: 21:36 hours**

The Director General left the meeting. **TIME: 21:36 hours**

In response to a question from the Chairman, the Deputy Director General noted that this program only covers the Laval area and that he will do some research to see if there are any other areas of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board that supports a "Young Achievers" type program.

Tom Mouhteros returned to the meeting. **TIME: 21:38 hours**

The Director General returned to the meeting. **TIME: 21:40 hours**

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WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has been approached by representatives of Courier Laval acting on behalf of Hebdos Transcontinental to join in a partnership on "Young Achievers";

WHEREAS such a partnership would compliment the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board's Strategic Plan 2004-2007 in promoting success and excellence in student progress;

William Pollock MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board agree to formalize this partnership and authorize the annual participation fee of 2 500\$.

AND THAT the Director of Community Development de mandated to act as the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board representatives with regard to this partnership.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Natalie Auclair, George Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Tony De Lauri, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Steve Kmec, David McKinley, Nick Milas, Merle Parkinson, Albina Pace, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier

ABST: Walter Fogel

The Chairman called a 10 minute break.

TIME: 21:41 hours

The meeting resumed.

TIME: 21:50 hours

6.10 Modification to Formation Professionnelle Strategic Plan:

The Deputy Director General advised that since the adoption of the 5 year province wide Adult & Vocational Education Strategic Plan some changes have occurred within the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Adult & Vocational Education services that will necessitate a change to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board portion of the plan. The change that has necessitated the modification to the Strategic Plan is that Vocational Education enrollment has increased considerably and it can no longer be accommodated at 3200 boul. Souvenir. General education will continue to be housed at this location.

He went on to note that the school board has looked at its options for Vocational Education and inquired with the Commission scolaire de Laval if it would have any buildings available that would suit the need for a Centre de formation professionnelle. The Commission scolaire de Laval has confirmed that it will transfer École St-Christophe to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board for the sum of 1,00\$.

He continued noting that this building will require some renovations in order to accommodate a Centre de formation professionnelle and it is anticipated that the renovations will be in the neighbourhood of 2 000 000\$, although an actual cost estimate will be available once a thorough study of the building is completed. The school board will advise the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) of its intent to create a new Centre de formation professionnelle as funding will be required from the MELS for the renovations and the school board would like to take possession of the building as soon as possible.

Walter Fogel left the meeting.

TIME: 21:53 hours

Walter Fogel returned to the meeting.

TIME: 21:54 hours

The Council entered into discussion and it was noted that this project would in no way effect the school board's quest for a new elementary school in Joliette. A resolution is required in order to move the Centre de formation professionnelle project ahead in order for it to be realized for the 2006-2007 school year.

060125-CA-0114

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #040922-CA-0027 approving a request to the Direction générale de la formation professionnelle et technique et de la formation continue (DGFPTFC) for authorization of additional programs;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #041124-AE-0056 approving the "Five-Year Strategic Plan for the Québec-wide delivery of English Language Vocational Training";

WHEREAS the growth in Vocational Education requires the need for additional space;

WHEREAS the present centre cannot continue to support the current Vocational Education programs;

WHEREAS the Commission scolaire de Laval has agreed to transfer an existing building (École Saint-Christophe in Pont-Viau) to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board in order for it to create a Vocational Education Centre;

WHEREAS this existing building will require renovations in order to offer Vocational Education programs;

Walter Fogel MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board request that its section of the "Five-Year Strategic Plan for the Québec-wide delivery of English Language Vocational Training" be modified to take into account the acquisition and renovation of the building to be transferred from the Commission scolaire de Laval to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

AND THAT the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board request additional funding of 2 000 000\$ to carry out the required renovations.

FURTHER THAT this request for modification to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Adult section of the "Five-Year Strategic Plan for the Québec-wide delivery of English Language Vocational Training" be sent to the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS), the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) and the Members of the Assemblée Nationale for Laval-Laurentides-Lanaudière.

Carried unanimously

In response to a question from David McKinley, the Director of Material Resources noted that there is a pyrite problem with the main concrete slab in the basement of Laval Liberty High School because at the time when the school was constructed pyrite was used for backfill. Funding for repair is available from the Ministère but first a full investigation must be made as to how serious the expansion of the rock is as this is required in order to obtain funding for repairs. The issue will be brought to the next meeting of the Material Resources Committee.

6.11 2006 CSBA Conference:

The Deputy Director General advised that the 2006 Canadian School Boards Association's (CSBA) Annual Conference is being co-hosted by the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) in Montreal in May.

060125-CA-0115

WHEREAS the Canadian School Boards Association will be holding its 2006 Annual Conference at the Delta Centre-Ville, Montréal, QC from 2006-05-25 to 2006-05-27;

David McKinley MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board authorize Commissioners to attend the Canadian School Boards Association 2006 Annual Conference from 2006-05-25 to 2006-05-27 in Montréal, QC. AND authorize a maximum expenditure of 1 500,00\$ per Commissioner, to cover the cost of registration, accommodation and travel expenses.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Natalie Auclair, George Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Tony De Lauri, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Steve Kmec, David McKinley, Nick Milas, Merle Parkinson, Albina Pace, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier

ABST:

Walter Fogel

6.12 Commissioners Professional Improvement:

The Deputy Director General advised the Council that a request to attend the 2006 National School Boards Association (NSBA) Annual Conference has been received from Walter Fogel.

Nick Milas MOVED THAT the Council go in camera.

TIME: 22:04 hours

The meeting resumed.

TIME: 22:30 hours**TIME: 22:30 hours****060125-CA-0116**

Carolyn Curiale MOVED THAT the meeting be extended until the agenda is completed.

Carried unanimously**060125-CA-0117**

WHEREAS policy #2005-CA-11: Professional Development for Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board requires approval of the Council of Commissioners for Commissioner attendance at conferences;

WHEREAS this policy sets a ceiling of three delegates from the Council of Commissioners to any one conference;

WHEREAS one Commissioner has submitted a request to attend the 2006 National School Board Association Annual Conference being held from 2006-04-08 to 2006-04-11 in Chicago, Illinois;

Natalie Auclair MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the attendance of **Walter Fogel**, to the 2006 National School Board Association Annual Conference being held in Chicago, Illinois, from 2006-04-08 to 2006-04-11.

AND THAT registration, travel, accommodations and miscellaneous expenses not exceed 3 500\$ Canadian.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Natalie Auclair, George Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Tony De Lauri, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Steve Kmec, David McKinley, Merle Parkinson, Albina Pace, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier

NAY: Nick Milas, William Pollock

ABST: Walter Fogel

7.0 FINANCIAL RESOURCES**7.1 Report of Committee Chairperson:**

Merle Parkinson, Chair of the Finance Committee, advised that at its last meeting the committee discussed the variances between the actual and the revised budget, the surpluses spent as of 2005-12-31, the budget building process and the development of a questionnaire to find out from the Governing

Boards what financial information is being imparted to them by the Principal and what information it would like to receive.

7.2 2006-2007 Budget Building Process:

The Director of Financial Resources presented the proposed 2006-2007 budget building process noting that there were very few changes to the document from the 2005-2006 version. The document will be presented to the Management Committee for its input and will be brought back to the Council of Commissioners at the end of February for approval and then it will be sent out for consultation to the schools. A list of priorities will be established once feedback is received from the schools.

7.3 Financial Information to Schools:

The Director of Financial Resources advised the Council that the Financial Resources Committee has drafted a list of five questions based on a request made at the 2006-01-25 meeting that will be used to discern what financial information is provided to the Governing Boards by the Principals.

In response to a question from Steve Kmec, the Director of Financial Resources noted that it is hoped that responses to the questions will be available for review at the March meeting of the Finance Committee and that a report will be prepared for the 2006-03-22 meeting of the Council.

Linda Iaconetti noted that the deadline for these questions should be extended so as to allow the Chairs of the Governing Boards to present the questionnaire to all of the members.

8.0 HUMAN RESOURCES

8.1 Report of Committee Chairman:

Nazario Facchino, Chairman of the Human Resources Committee, commented on the last meeting noting that the days lost to the strike would be recouped, an update on the additional 90 minutes of classroom time for the 2006-2007 school year and the development of a hiring policy were discussed.

In response to a question from David McKinley, the Director of Human Resources advised that a total of six days were lost due to strike action on the part of the maintenance staff, support staff, professional staff and teaching staff.

Morten Schrier excused himself for the evening.

TIME: 22:39 hours

8.2 Engagement - Director of Adult Education / Centre Director:

The Director of Human Resources advised that the position of Director of Adult & Vocational Education / Centre Director had been posted and that five applications had been received but only one was retained for an interview due to the fact that the other four applicants did not have a permanent teaching permit.

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WHEREAS the position of Director of Adult & Vocational Education is currently vacant;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners wishes to fill this position;

WHEREAS the position has been posted and a Selection Committee convened;

Tom Mouhteros MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Selection Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners approve the engagement of **Alain Guay** as Director of Adult & Vocational Education / Centre Director, effective 2006-01-26.

Carried unanimously

8.3 Modification to 2005-2006 Administrative Organizational Chart:

The Director General advised the Council that CPNCA has asked the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to reclassify Michel Jasmin to the position of Assistant Director of Human Resources and that it will assume Mr. Jasmin's salary and benefits until his retirement.

In response to a question from Walter Fogel, the Director General noted that if Mr. Jasmin was not working for CPNCA he would have been reclassified to the position of Assistant Director of Human Resources as of 2005-07-01, as was the case with the majority of the Coordinators in the employ of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

060125-HR-0119

WHEREAS the 2005-2006 Administrative Organizational Chart was adopted by resolution #050622-HR-0196;

WHEREAS there has been a request to create the position of Assistant Director of Human Resources;

WHEREAS the employee to be assigned to this position is currently on loan to CPNCA;

WHEREAS the CPNCA has agreed to assume responsibility for the salary and benefits of that individual;

Steve Kmec MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the modification to the 2005-2006 Administrative Organizational Chart by creating the position of Assistant Director of Human Resources.

AND THAT Michel Jasmin be named to the position of Assistant Director of Human Resources, effective 2005-07-02.

FURTHER THAT the salary and benefits for this position be assumed by the CPNCA for the duration of Michel Jasmin's tenure.

Carried unanimously

8.4 Engagement - Coordinator of Human Resources:

The Director of Human Resources advised that the current Coordinator of Human Resources was engaged to replace Michel Jasmin when he went to CPNCA and that the school board is very pleased with her work and wish to offer her the position on a permanent basis.

The Council entered into discussion.

060125-HR-0120

Tony De Lauri MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board engage **Anne-Marie**

Lavoie as Coordinator of Human Resources as per the conditions of Employment of the Management Staff of School Boards and as per the terms of the individual's contract, effective 2006-01-26.

Carried unanimously

9.0 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

9.1 *Report of Committee Chairperson:*

Nancy Rupnik, Chair of the Information Technology Committee, commented on the last meeting of the committee noting that the tender process for qualified suppliers, the iPod project, the addendum to the Fibre Optic Network project with Commission scolaire des Samares and the Allo Prof! services were discussed at length.

9.2 *Engagement of Qualified Desktop & Computer Accessories Suppliers:*

The Director of Information Technology advised that the Information Technology Committee has reviewed the tenders and has recommended that the tenders be split into separate resolutions for suppliers of computers and suppliers of accessories.

Walter Fogel excused himself for the evening.

TIME: 22:52 hours

060125-IT-0121

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners approved the call for public tenders to qualify suppliers for desktop computer purchases for the period ending 2007-01-31;

WHEREAS tenders were received and opened on 2006-01-12;

WHEREAS the Information Technology Committee recommends that the contract be awarded to the lowest conformable bidders;

Carolyn Curiale MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Information Technology Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve that **PROSYS TEC Inc.** be named **desktop** computer supplier, excluding monitors and computer accessories, for the period ending 2007-01-31, subject to the conditions and stipulations outlined in the Call for Tenders to qualify Desktop Computer Suppliers.

Carried unanimously

060125-IT-0122

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners approved the call for public tenders to qualify suppliers for desktop computer purchases for the period ending 2007-01-31;

WHEREAS tenders were received and opened on 2006-01-12;

WHEREAS the Information Technology Committee recommends that the contract be awarded to the lowest conformable bidders;

Carolyn Curiale MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Information Technology Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve that **DELL Canada Inc.** be named **supplier of monitors and computer accessories** for the period ending 2007-01-31, subject to the conditions and stipulations outlined in the Call for Tenders to qualify Desktop Computer Suppliers.

Carried unanimously

9.3 *Engagement of Qualified Portable Computers & Accessories Suppliers:*

060125-IT-0123

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners approved the call for public tenders to qualify suppliers for portable computers and wireless network purchases for the period ending 2007-01-31;

WHEREAS tenders were received and opened on 2006-01-12;

WHEREAS the Information Technology Committee recommends that the contract be awarded to the lowest conformable bidders;

Nancy Rupnik MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Information Technology Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve that **INSO** be named portable computer supplier, excluding carts, for the period ending 2007-01-31 subject to the conditions and stipulations outlined in the Call for Tenders for Qualified Portable Computer Suppliers.

Carried unanimously

060125-IT-0124

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners approved the call for public tenders to qualify suppliers for portable computers and wireless network purchases for the period ending 2007-01-31;

WHEREAS tenders were received and opened on 2006-01-12;

WHEREAS the Information Technology Committee recommends that the contract be awarded to the lowest conformable bidders;

Nancy Rupnik MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Information Technology Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve that **DELL Canada Inc.** be named charging cart supplier , for the period ending 2007-01-31 subject to the conditions and stipulations outlined in the Call for Tenders for Qualified Portable Computer Suppliers.

Carried unanimously

9.4 *Engagement of Qualified Wireless Network Supplier:*

060125-IT-0125

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners approved the call for public tenders to qualify suppliers for portable computers and wireless network purchases for the period ending 2007-01-31;

WHEREAS tenders were received and opened on 2006-01-12;

WHEREAS the Information Technology Committee recommends that the contract be awarded to the lowest conformable bidders;

Robert Dixon MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Information Technology Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve that **PROSYS TEC Inc.** be named wireless network supplier for the period ending 2007-01-31, subject to the conditions and stipulations outlined in the Call for Tenders for Qualified Wireless Network Suppliers.

Carried unanimously

9.5 iPod Literacy Project:

The Director of Information Technology advised that the following project was submitted by Laval Junior and Laval Liberty High Schools and that it is a shared cost project. The Information Technology, Education and Executive Committees have reviewed the project and support its implementation.

060125-IT-0126

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board wishes to implement an enhanced learning and enriched reading program using Apple iPods and iBook wireless mobile labs;

WHEREAS Laval Junior High School and Laval Liberty High School have presented projects designed to enhance learning, improve reading literacy and reduce the drop out rate that are compatible with the school board's strategic goals of offering a wide range of learning opportunities and promote the active participation of students in their own learning;

WHEREAS these projects involve the use of technology and would be most effective with the use of the iPods for pod casting in conjunction with the iBooks computers;

WHEREAS these projects are within the mobile lab initiative, Laval Junior High School and Laval Liberty High School have each agreed to pay their \$25 000 share of the project;

WHEREAS Apple Canada is the unique supplier for the Apple iPods and iBooks and has presented a purchase, training and support proposal to the school board that has been reviewed by the Education Committee, the Information Technology Committee, and the Executive Committee;

Linda Iaconetti MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Information Technology Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the purchase of 60 iBooks, 50 iPods, and 2 charging carts as well as the teacher training at a total cost of 134 227,27\$ all taxes included.

Carried unanimously

Tom Mouhteros left the meeting.

TIME: 22:55 hours

9.6 Fibre Optic Network Project Addenda - CS des Samares:

The Director of Information Technology advised that the Commission scolaire des Samares has requested an addenda to the original agreement for the Fibre Optic Network so that it and its partners can dispose of equipment and lease out unused fibres.

Tom Mouhteros returned to the meeting.

TIME: 22:57 hours

060125-IT-0127

WHEREAS resolution #030819-IT-0050 was adopted to authorize the participation of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board in a "**Convention de copropriété et de gérance d'un réseau de fibres optiques**";

WHEREAS part of the support structures (posts, strands, anchor rods, etc.) of the global network shared by the parties to the protocol is the property of Commission scolaire des Samares in its capacity as carrier and owner of the fibre optic trunk;

WHEREAS other carriers may be interested in renting part of these structures;

WHEREAS the “**Convention de copropriété et de gérance**” makes no provision for the rental of these structures or the distribution of any revenues so generated;

WHEREAS the remuneration of the manager of the network does not take into account these potential revenues;

WHEREAS the “**Convention de copropriété et de gérance**” should be amended to reflect the above;

Merle Parkinson MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Information Technology Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the Addenda #1 to the “**Convention de copropriété et de gérance**” as presented in document #SWLSB-2006/01/25-IT-001

AND THAT the Chairman, and in his absence or with his knowledge the Vice-Chairman, as well as the Director General, and in his absence or with his knowledge the Deputy Director General, be authorized to sign all documentation concerning this protocol.

Carried unanimously

9.7 Allo Prof!:

The Director of Information Technology provided background information on the Allo Prof! program noting that it is a homework assistance program offered to Québec students whereby a student can call a toll free number and connect with a teacher that will help him/her with their homework problem. The program is currently available in French but its sponsors are more than willing to support an English component but require a resolution showing the school board’s support.

She went on to extend appreciation to Sylvie Legault, Information Technology Analyst, for her recommendation that the school board look into this service which was presented at the 2005 GRICS Annual Conference.

060125-IT-0128

WHEREAS Allo Prof! is a non profit organization with a mission of assisting elementary and high school students with homework difficulties;

WHEREAS a preliminary meeting with the representative of Allo Prof! and the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has taken place;

WHEREAS there is a willingness on the part of Allo Prof! to offer services in English to assist the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board students;

WHEREAS this assistance ties into the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Strategic Plan 2004-2007;

Nazario Facchino MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Information Technology Committee, the Directorate and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board formally advise Allo Prof! of its intention to request English services on behalf of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board student clientele.

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) and all English school boards in Québec.

Carried unanimously

10.0 EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

10.1 Report of Committee Chairperson:

There was no report.

11.0 MATERIAL RESOURCES

11.1 Report of Committee Chairperson:

David McKinley, Chairman of the Material Resources Committee, commented on the most recent meeting noting that the sub-committee to study the future of Joliette Elementary School have met with the Governing Board and the Principal and have reviewed the steps that have been taken to date to obtain a new school. The sub-committee asked that the Governing Board adopt a resolution indicating what its expectations are for the new school.

He continued advising that the businesses surrounding the school will be approached to inquire if any of them would be interested in purchasing the land and building prior to it being put up for sale.

12.0 PARENT COMMISSIONERS REPORT

12.1 Parents' Committee Report:

Linda Iaconetti advised the Council that the Parent Delegate from Our Lady of Peace Elementary School had resigned due to personal reasons.

She went on to thank the Director General and the Deputy Director General for all of their support over the past years and wished them well in their retirement.

Tom Mouhteros echoed Mrs. Iaconetti's sentiments and thanked both for assisting him in becoming a better Parent Commissioner.

Mr. Mouhteros went on to comment on the improvement of the students at Laval Junior and Laval Liberty High Schools who are involved in the sports program.

On a "point of order", Carolyn Curiale requested that, given the hour, the academic improvement of these students should be presented at the next meeting of the Council of Commissioners.

13.0 SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

13.1 Report of Committee Chairperson:

George Benoit, Chairman of the School Organization Committee, commented on the most recent meeting noting the upcoming registration week, refunds to parents for bus passes, school hours for 2006-2007 and the need to incorporate the additional 90 minutes of classroom time and the revision of the Deeds of Establishment and Three-Year Plan for the Allocation and Destination of Immoveables

13.2 2006-2007 Registration Process:

The Director of School Organization advised the Council that registration for the 2006-2007 school year will be held the week of 2006-02-06. Preparation for registration week includes information

on the school board Web site, radio advertising spots over a five day period, registration forms to current students and a workshop for School Secretaries on the enrollment procedures.

14.0 QESBA

14.1 Report of the QESBA :

Carolyn Curiale advised that the next Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) "Town Hall" meeting will be hosted by the Lester B. Pearson School Board on 2006-02-15 at 18:00 hours at Riverdale High School and that it would be appreciated if the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board would make a strong showing of support.

15.0 CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman drew the Council's attention to the correspondence in the meeting package.

16.0 QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions.

17.0 VARIA

There was no varia.

18.0 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Nick Milas MOVED adjournment of the meeting.

Carried unanimously

TIME: 23:11 hours

NEXT MEETING ⇨ REGULAR ⇨ 2006-02-22

Robert Vallerand, Secretary General

Steve Bletas, Chairman